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To be assigned 10/019195

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.
PCT/DE 99/03259INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE
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TITLE OF INVENTION

PANEL AND PANEL FASTENING SYSTEM

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

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Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
4. ☒ The US has been elected by the expiration of 19 months from the priority date (Article 31).
5. ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☒ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
 - a. ☒ is attached hereto.
 - b. ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
 - a. ☐ are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
 - b. ☐ have been communicated by the International Bureau.
 - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
 - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(3)).
9. ☐ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☒ A **FIRST** preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** preliminary amendment.
15. ☐ A substitute specification.
16. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
17. ☐ A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 35 U.S.C. 1.821 - 1.825.
18. ☐ A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
19. ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
20. ☒ Other items or information:
 1. Copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report & Annex Thereeto.
 2. Translation of Annex to International Preliminary Examination Report.

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<p>21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The following fees are submitted:</p> <p>BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):</p> <p>Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO..... \$1000.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$860.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO \$710.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$690.00</p> <p>International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) paid to USPTO and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) \$100.00</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =</p> <p>Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <th style="width:20%;">CLAIMS</th> <th style="width:20%;">NUMBER FILED</th> <th style="width:20%;">NUMBER EXTRA</th> <th style="width:20%;">RATE</th> <th style="width:20%;">\$</th> </tr> <tr> <td>Total claims</td> <td>19 - 20 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$18.00</td> <td>\$ 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independent claims</td> <td>1 - 3 =</td> <td>0</td> <td>x \$80.00</td> <td>\$ 0.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4">MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)</td> <td>+ \$270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="4" style="text-align: right;">TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =</td> <td>\$ 860.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2. +</p> <p style="text-align: right;">SUBTOTAL =</p> <p>Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than <input type="checkbox"/> 20 <input type="checkbox"/> 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)). \$ 0.00</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =</p> <p>Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =</p> <table border="1" style="width:100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width:70%;"></td> <td style="width:10%;">Amount to be refunded:</td> <td style="width:20%;">\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>charged:</td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </table>				CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	\$	Total claims	19 - 20 =	0	x \$18.00	\$ 0.00	Independent claims	1 - 3 =	0	x \$80.00	\$ 0.00	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)				+ \$270.00	TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 860.00		Amount to be refunded:	\$		charged:	\$	<p style="text-align: center;">CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY</p>	
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b. ☐ Please charge my Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Re: New U.S. National Phase Application of PCT International Application No. PCT/DE99/03259 of HANNIG, Hans-Jurgen and EISERMANN, Ralf for "Panel And Panel Fastening System"; International Filing Date: 09 October 1999; Our Docket No.: 9646/4

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-referenced U.S. National Phase Application of PCT International Patent Application No. PCT/IE00/00012. Enclosed are:

1. Transmittal Letter to the United States Designated/Elected Office Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (2pp. total).
2. Copy of the International Application as filed (43pp. total including eleven (11) pages of drawings sheets).
3. An English language translation of the International Application as filed.
4. Copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report and Annex thereto (22 pages total).
5. An English language translation of the Annex to the International Preliminary Examination Report (15 pages total).
6. A First preliminary amendment (7 pages total).
7. Our check in the amount of \$430.00 to cover the filing fee.
8. Our post card. Please date stamp and return.

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The declaration is not being submitted herewith and will be submitted under separate cover.

Applicant hereby asserts that it is entitled to claim small entity status.

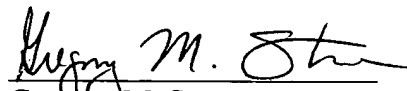
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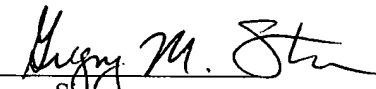
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